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November 20, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

Preparations for the upcoming 87th Legislative Session are in full swing. This week legislators began new office selections for Capitol offices, and we spent time this week transitioning into our new office space. While our capitol office phone number and email will remain the same, and are listed at the bottom of this newsletter, our new capitol office will be Office GS.2. The Capitol remains closed in accordance with current guidelines, but at such time as the Capitol grounds reopen we will look forward to see any and all visitors in our new location!

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



State Updates

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard

Texas Case Counts

COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

DSHS 7-DAY COVID DASHBOARD

As of November 13th, 2020

CASES

1,004,983

+ 62,444

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

+ 6.63%

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

TRAUMA SERVICE AREAS

7-Day Percentage of Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 out of
Total Hospital Capacity

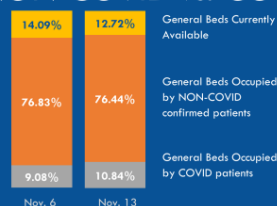
TSA	Major Metro Area	7-Oct	8-Nov	9-Nov	10-Nov	11-Nov	12-Nov	13-Nov
A	Amarillo	30.1%	31.8%	31.0%	30.8%	31.2%	30.2%	35.9%
B	Lubbock	21.3%	21.5%	22.1%	22.0%	24.6%	23.1%	23.9%
C	Wichita Falls	8.9%	8.2%	8.2%	8.2%	7.8%	8.1%	9.5%
D	Abilene	6.9%	6.9%	7.2%	7.2%	8.6%	8.8%	9.5%
E	Dallas/Ft. Worth	10.3%	10.3%	10.9%	10.9%	12.0%	11.8%	11.9%
F	Paris	12.1%	11.8%	11.4%	12.0%	12.4%	12.0%	11.6%
G	Longview/Tyler	10.4%	10.5%	10.6%	11.0%	11.1%	10.9%	11.5%
H	Lufkin	7.9%	7.5%	9.1%	5.8%	6.1%	7.6%	6.8%
I	El Paso	44.1%	41.2%	41.0%	41.6%	41.5%	42.6%	43.0%
J	Midland/Odessa	10.7%	11.3%	11.5%	11.5%	12.3%	12.0%	12.5%
K	San Angelo	9.6%	9.8%	10.1%	10.1%	9.0%	9.0%	9.1%
L	Belton/Killeen	4.4%	4.6%	4.4%	4.5%	5.4%	4.9%	4.3%
M	Waco	12.3%	11.5%	12.0%	12.1%	12.5%	12.1%	11.5%
N	Bryan/College Station	9.0%	9.1%	10.0%	9.6%	9.2%	9.7%	10.9%
O	Austin	3.4%	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%
P	San Antonio	4.9%	5.3%	5.5%	6.0%	6.1%	5.9%	5.9%
Q	Houston	4.0%	5.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.8%	5.6%	6.0%
R	Galveston	10.9%	7.0%	7.4%	7.4%	8.6%	8.2%	9.5%
S	Victoria	7.4%	8.2%	7.1%	7.6%	8.9%	8.6%	8.6%
T	Laredo	11.1%	11.1%	11.7%	11.9%	14.9%	12.9%	13.7%
U	Corpus Christi	5.3%	5.6%	5.5%	5.9%	7.0%	7.6%	7.2%
V	Lower RGV	6.5%	6.6%	7.4%	7.3%	7.4%	7.2%	7.6%
ALL		9.1%	9.5%	9.7%	9.6%	10.1%	10.3%	10.7%

[Visit the DSHS Coronavirus Case Counts Dashboard](#)

CURRENT COVID-CONFIRMED PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL
7,083 **+16.69%**
TOTAL OVER PAST 7 DAYS

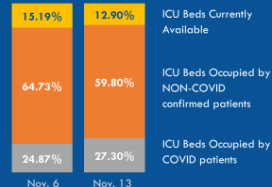
GENERAL BEDS: NON-COVID vs. COVID

5,052
GENERAL PATIENTS
+19.35%
OVER PAST 7 DAYS



ICU BEDS: NON-COVID vs. COVID

1,959
ICU PATIENTS
+8.88%
OVER PAST 7 DAYS



[Visit the DSHS Hospital Counts Dashboard](#)

DSHS FUNDS
\$1,598,828,346
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

RESOURCES

7,455	667	850+	980+
Staff Supporting Hospitals	Alternate Care Beds Secured	O ₂ Concentrators Distributed	Ventilators Distributed

VACCINE & CONTACT TRACING

2,610	3,028	54	\$67.7 M
COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Enrolled in Texas System	State & Local Contact Tracers Active	LHEs voluntarily in Texas Health Trace	Call Center & Staff Expenditures for Texas Health Trace

[Click Here to the Visit Texas Health Trace Website](#)

Governor Abbott Provides Update On Bamlanivimab Distribution To Hospitals Across Texas



Governor Abbott Provides Update On Bamlanivimab...

Governor Greg Abbott today traveled to Lubbock to hold a briefing with local officials and provide an update on the distribution of bamlanivimab, the Eli Lilly & Company monoclonal antibody therapy for COVID-19.

[Read more](#)
gov.texas.gov

Governor Abbott, TEA, TDEM Announce \$420 Million Reimbursement Program for Texas Schools To Continue Supporting Remote Learning During COVID-19



Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott

Governor Abbott, TEA, TDEM Announce \$420 Million...

Governor Greg Abbott today announced a \$420 million reimbursement program to cover costs incurred by Texas public schools that purchased Wi-Fi hotspots and/or eLearning devices (such as laptops, tablets, and Chromebooks) so students could learn...

[Read more](https://gov.texas.gov)
gov.texas.gov

TEA: Early Childhood Education Update



Announcing Free Pre-K Instructional Materials from Texas Home Learning!

TEA is excited to announce a partnership with Teaching Strategies to provide free access to high-quality pre-k materials through [Texas Home Learning](#)!

The Prekindergarten Learning Solution for Texas:

- Is available at no cost for the next three years, built upon the Texas Pre-K Guidelines, and completely optional for Texas educators
- Is developed for educators to engage children and families in the classroom and at home with developmentally appropriate digital resources
- Includes resources designed to support teachers and families for all types of learners including English and Dual Language Learners, Advanced Learners, and Special Populations

Three Ways to Engage!

1. Learn More at texashomelearning.org An overview of these Pre-K materials can be found on texashomelearning.org/prek!
2. Attend the Materials Overview Webinar. Join TEA and Teaching Strategies for a walkthrough of the Prekindergarten Learning Solution for Texas on Wednesday, November 18, 1-2 pm CT; [Register here](#)
3. Stay Updated. If you'd like to stay up-to-date on news about prekindergarten, or other Texas Home Learning 3.0 initiatives, [subscribe to the THL email list](#).

TPWD: Recent Data Shows that Hunter Education Improves Hunting and Shooting Sports Safety



Recent Data Shows that Hunter Education Improves Hunting

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AUSTIN - According to the 2019 Texas Hunting Incident Analysis, Texas has seen a substantial decrease in hunting-related accidents and fatalities since Hunter Education became mandatory in 1988. That year, over 18,000 Texans received their Hunter ...

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tpwd.texas.gov

DSHS Shares Advice for a Safe, Healthy Thanksgiving



TEXAS
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Services

Texas Department of State
Health Services

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With Thanksgiving right around the corner, Texas enters the holiday season at a time when COVID-19 is spreading rapidly and hospitalizations continue to rise throughout the state. The Texas Department of State Health Services is providing...

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www.dshs.texas.gov

Become an Anti-Litter Star in New Don't mess with Texas® Song Search

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Don't mess with Texas is launching a contest as big as the Lone Star State to find its new anti-litter theme song. The Don't mess with Texas "Lone Star Song Search" invites Texans to compose

an original song to compete for prizes provided by...

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www.txdot.gov

Texas' First-Ever Regional Flood Planning Process Gets Underway

Texas Water Newsroom

The state's first-ever regional flood planning effort is officially underway with the selection and first meetings of initial members of the 15 regional flood planning groups. Guided by the TWDB, these groups are responsible for delivering...

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texaswaternewsroom.org

City of Houston & Harris County Updates

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



H.D. 127 Updates

Virtual Small Business Expo



Virtual Small Business Expo

Virtual Small Business Expo December 8 | 10:00am-7:30pm CST REGISTER HERE Join SBA at the Small Business Expo! The National Virtual Small Business Expo is America's BIGGEST most anticipated virtual business-to-business networking educational...

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web.lakehouston.org

Capitol Office Closure

The Capitol office will remain closed in line with suggested Stay Home, Work Safe guidelines. Please

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